has been accepted. As the job performed by the railwaymen is very strenuous, yoga and meditation is being introduced with an aim to help the railwaymen in coping with the stress and strain involved with the job. In this context a pilot project yoga training was imparted in 3 locations, namely Indian Railways Institute of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, Jamalpur, Zonal Training Centre, Chandausi and Drivers'Training Centre, Tughiakabad for six months.

Keeping in view the feed back received from the pilot project, it was decided that yoga and meditation lessons be imparted to trainees in Railway Training Centres on an experimental basis for one year. Instructions for the same have been issued to all the Railways in November, 2001.

Rail fractures in Jabalpur division

†5490. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many rail accidents took place during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in Jabalpur Railway Division;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these accidents occurred due to rail fractures;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to solve this problem;

(d) whether it is also a fact that most of the rails in Jabalpur Division are more than 30 years old which increases the chances of accidents; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) On Jabalpur Division of Central Railway 11 and 8 accidents took place during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.

(b) and (d) No, Sir.

(c) and (e) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.